

GAINING ON THE FAIR SEX

According to This Report Men Will Soon Outnumber the Women.

Frau Gnack-Kuehne is one of the greatest German authorities on the modern feminist movement, and after mature study and the collection of statistics she has come to the conclusion that the superiority of women in so many European countries is a fact which in the first place is in no sense an evil, and in the second place is rapidly disappearing.

In another twenty years, she believes, the tide will begin to turn the other way and the men will be in the majority even in such countries as England and Germany, where at the present time women immensely predominate. Some of her statistics are most interesting. In Luxembourg, for example, in 1890 there were 1,002 women for every 1,000 men. There are now only 999. In Australia the proportion has been reduced in the same time from 1,044 to 1,035, in Hungary from 1,015 to 1,002, in Switzerland from 1,047 to 1,035, in Sweden from 1,005 to 1,049, in Germany from 1,040 to 1,032, in England from 1,035 to 1,047. She does not believe that any European nation except Russia will long continue to increase rapidly in proportion. England has begun to follow the example of France and Germany will certainly follow England's footsteps.

In all "advanced" European states the birth rate is either becoming stationary, or begins to show a backward tendency.

Just Wonderful.

Vestry, Miss, Jan. 1st (Special).—The case of Mrs. C. W. Pearson, who resides here, is a particularly interesting one. Here is the story told by Mr. Pearson, her husband, in his own words. He says:

"My wife's health was bad for a long time. Last July she was taken terrible bad with spasms. I sent for the doctor, and after making a thorough examination of her, he advised me to try a box of her trouble was a disordered state of the kidneys. Her medicine did not seem to be doing her much good, so I heard about Dodd's Kidney Pills. I got her a box just to give them a trial. Well, the effect was just wonderful. I saw that they were the right medicine and I got two more boxes. When she had taken these she was so much better that she had increased thirty pounds in weight. She is now quite well, and we owe it all to Dodd's Kidney Pills."

Know Her Grammar.

The judge's little daughter, although she had talked several times through the telephone to her father, had never gone through the formalities necessary in calling him up. The first time she tried it she took the receiver off the hook, as she had seen others do, placed her lips to the transmitter and said:

"Hello, I want to talk to papa." "Number, please," said Central. "Singlar," she answered, surprised at the question, but proud that she knew something of the rudiments of grammar. —Youth's Companion.

Previous Apology.

"So sorry not to have heard your lecture last night," said the laconic lady. "I know I missed a treat; everybody says it was great." "How did they find out?" asked Mr. Frodo. "The lecture, you know, was postponed." —Detroit Free Press.

Chilly Return.

"I love you devotedly, madly!" lyrically declared the ardent swain. "To be your companion through life, darling, I would gladly sacrifice everything: friends, relations, ambition, honor, fortune." "Didn't know you had all those nice things!" —Sporting Times.

See?

"Why do you call him a worldly man?" "What is the most striking feature of the world?" "It is round; but what of that?" "It isn't square, is it?" —Kansas City Times.

Possible Explanation.

Little Willie—Say, pa, why do the members of a trolley party took horns? Pa—They probably inherited the habit from their fish-peddling ancestors, my son. —Chicago Daily News.

People are asserting so loudly that morality has nothing to do with art that we are in danger of overlooking the fact that immorality has nothing to do with it, either.—Town Topics.

"Don't be a mischief maker," said Uncle Eben. "De mos' good you kin do in de world ain' much, but de mos' harm you kin do is a heap." —Washington Star.

No matter how homely a man may be, he can always find satisfaction in thinking of the good things his mother said about him when he was a boy.

Make a fuss over a woman's first baby, and for the rest of her life will refuse to listen to anything bad about you.

From your neighbor's point of view your phenomenal success is merely a case of bullhead luck.—Chicago Daily News.

It is better to have children smile at your coming than to have them tremble at the mention of your name.

Taxation with misrepresentation is politics.

MALARIA???

Generally That Is Not the Trouble.

Persons with a susceptibility to malarial influences should beware of coffee, which has a tendency to load up the liver with bile.

A lady writes from Denver that she suffered for years from chills and fever which at last she learned were mainly produced by the coffee she drank.

"I was also grievously afflicted with headaches and indigestion," she says, "which I became satisfied were likewise largely due to the coffee I drank. Six months ago I quit its use altogether and began to drink Postum Food Coffee, with the gratifying result that my headaches have disappeared, my digestion has been restored and I have not had a recurrence of chills and fever for more than three months. I have no doubt that it was Postum that brought me this relief, for I have used no medicine while this improvement has been going on." (It was really relief from congestion of the liver caused by coffee.)

"My daughter has been as great a coffee drinker as I, and for years was afflicted with terrible sick headaches, which often lasted for a week at a time. She is a brain worker and excessive application together with the headaches began to affect her memory most seriously. She found no help in medicines and the doctor frankly advised her to quit coffee and use Postum."

"For more than four months she has not had a headache—her mental faculties have grown more active and vigorous and her memory has been restored."

"No more tea, coffee or drugs for us, so long as we can get Postum." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

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PECK'S BAD BOY WITH THE CIRCUS

By HON. GEORGE W. PECK

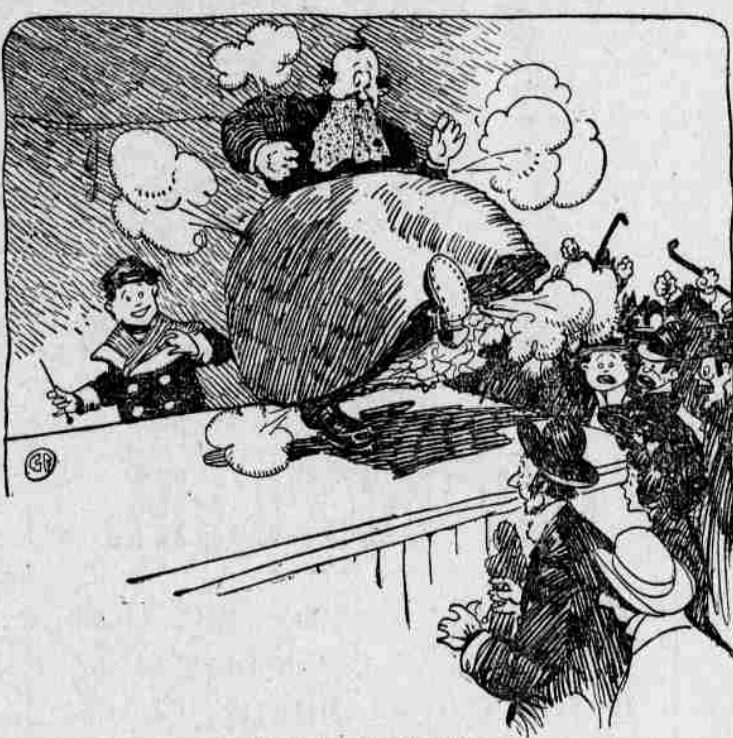
Author of "Peck's Bad Boy Abroad," Etc.

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Pa Takes the Place of the Fat Woman with Disastrous Results—A Kentucky Colonel Causes a Row—Pa Tries to Roar Like a Lion and the Rhinoceros Objects—Pa Plays the Slot-Machine and Gets the Worst of It.

This has been an eventful week with the show. We have had heat prostrations in Kentucky, nearly the whole show got drunk on 15-year-old whisky, and if it hadn't been for the animals keeping sober this show would have been pulled for disorderly conduct.

Nobody knows how the row started, but Pa says every man in Kentucky carries a blue gun and a bottle of red lickee, and they wear white hats, so the red, white and blue business is all right, only it is a combination that is death on a circus. I think one of the ushers, at the afternoon performance, told an old colonel that he must move along quicker, when the colonel began to talk back, and say, "Who is you talkin' too, sah?" And the usher stood



I Punctured Pa's Tires.

It as long as he could, when he took the colonel by the collar and sat him down so quick he didn't come for a couple of minutes, and when the colonel got his senses, and found that the usher had ushered him into a seat between two gaily decorated colored women the trouble began. The colonel never forgot that he was a gentleman, for he rose up, took off his hat to the colored women, and said: "You must excuse me, ladies, but I shall have to go and kill the scoundrel who sat me down with niggers." And he got down off the seats and struck the usher with his cane, and the usher yelled: "Hey, Rubel!" and all the circus people made a rush for the colonel. The colonel said, "Men of Kentucky to the rescue." And before I could crawl under the seats the air was full of baggage, seats, tent pins and white hats, guns were fired, and blood flowed, and the police pulled everybody, and the evening performance was given up.

One of the proprietors of the show got a wen on his head as big as a football from being struck by a handle of a revolver, and the colonel who started the row was knocked silly by a tray of



Chased by Police.

red lemonade which the butcher smashed him with, and the colonel cried because the lemonade was all water, and he was afraid it would soak into him and cause him to warp. When the lemonade butcher apologized, and the usher told him it was all a mistake his being seated with the niggers, the colonel wept on their necks and invited the whole crowd to go to his distillery and help themselves.

When we got to the next town every man in the show had a grounch and a Katzenjammer, and their hair was so sore it was murder and suicide combined to comb it.

One way Pa escaped injury was cause he had to take the place of the fat woman on the platform with the freaks, as the fat woman was overcome with the heat and had to stay in the car.

The way they fixed Pa up to resemble the fat woman was scandalous. They have some rubber things in the wardrobe tent that you can blow up and make a big arm, and a big leg, and a big stummick, and they fixed Pa up with blown up clothes of flesh colored rubber, and but for his chin whiskers you couldn't tell him from the fat woman. He said he wouldn't cut off his whiskers for any-

body's circus, so they fixed a veil to cover part of his face and put the fat woman's dress on Pa, and put him up beside the skeleton, the midget and the giant.

Pa said he didn't want to do it, 'cause it seemed too much like fraud, but they told him the fate of the show depended on our all being willing to take any part assigned to us, and so Pa sat down and began to fan himself, and tried to look lively like a woman.

The other freaks never noticed but what it was the fat woman until the show was half over. It was too much for me, and I just tuffed at Pa. I got up behind him and told him in a whisper that I wanted a dollar to play the slot machine, and he told me to go to thunder, and get out of there. I couldn't stand it to be insulted by my own father, so I took a hat pin out of the hat of the bearded lady and punched it into Pa's blowed up rubber shirt, and Pa began to sis, like a soda fountain, and the wind struck the living skeleton and blew him over like a cyclone, and by that time Pa was blowing off wind in a dozen places that I had punctured, and he was scared for fear there wouldn't be anything left of him, and the giant saw the fat woman slowly fading away, and the coward had heart failure and lay down on the platform. Somebody shouted that the fat woman was all melting away, and a fellow who was watering a camel out of a bucket came to the rescue and threw the bucket of dirty water all over Pa, and then I thought I better go away in tother tent and see the fight, but Pa was taken to the dressing room and rescued from the shrinking rubber balloons that were busted, and he said he would hunt the man that pun-

ctured his tire to his dying day, but he didn't know it was me.

Gee, it looks to me as though Pa has been engaged to act as the easy mark in this show. Say, they got Pa to practice on roaring like a lion, so he could stand behind the cage when the lion has a sore throat, and roar, and scare folks, and Pa has been going around behind the cages, every evening, when the menagerie is closed, and the crowd in the main tent, making noises that have made the animals look at each other as much as to say, "Well, what do you think of that?" The rhinoceros was so disgusted at Pa's noise that he reached out his nose and took Pa on his horn and held him up to the scorn of the other animals until Pa's pants gave way and he was a sight, and he was so scared that he got out of the tent and made a run for our train, chased by the police, who thought he was a burglar that had been eat by a house dog.

The worst thing we have had on Pa was at Louisville, where we stayed over Sunday. Another fellow and I got a system on slot machines, and one day we beat the machines out of a

former legislator who feels that he sold his vote too cheap.

"It beats all about this political corruption," said the old farmer as he laid aside his country paper. "Every week there is something about exposing some big man who was thought to be perfectly honest, and it's getting so you don't know whom to trust."

"Were you ever in politics yourself?" "Once, and that's what's bothering me now. Yes, I was elected to the legislature once. While I was serving as a member a fellow-member came to me and said that my aunt in Iowa had died and left me \$2,000, and he paid the money over to me. I had never heard about the aunt, and I don't know how he got the money for me, and I was just beginning to doubt."

"To doubt what?" "Well, I voted for a land grab and we carried it by only four majority, and I'm just beginning to think if I got enough for my vote. I think if I had held out a few days I'd have had an uncle die, too, and got as much as \$3,000 out of the thing."—Baltimore American.

Largest Ocean Steamer. Consul General Guenther, of Frankfurt, says the world's largest steamship is the Kaiserin Augusta Victoria, 684 feet long, 25,000 tons, which was launched August 24, at the Vulcan yards, Stettin. He writes that the new boat will have a net tonnage of 21,000. The engines indicate 17,200 horsepower; the speed will be 17 knots an hour, so that the trip from Europe to New York will be made in seven and one-half days. In addition to the regular dining-room, the ship will be supplied with a restaurant a la carte and with electric elevators and an electrically lighted bathroom.

Some of Missouri's Boats. Missouri has 23 state institutions; it never had a general crop failure; it is the leading clover state of the union; it has more stock farms than any other state; it has the largest acreage of blue grass of any state; it has the largest permanent school fund in the United States; it raises one-tenth of all the corn raised in the world; it produces 80 per cent. of the zinc mined in the world; it has one-third more apple trees than any other state; its farm land has advanced 40 per cent. in the last four years; it has the largest yield of cotton per acre of any state in the union; it has the lowest rate of taxation of any state. —Kansas City Journal.

The Fatal Question. "Do you think the baby looks like me?" said the fond mother. "Oh, no," replied the old friend thoughtlessly as he leaned over the cab. "I can't say as I do! What a bright little face he has, hasn't he?" —Detroit Free Press.

cited they could hardly find a slot machine, and finally they bought nearly all my cough lozenges, and went out into the night, and Pa said I went along, 'cause Pa said he understood all the slot machines were owned by Rockefeller, and he made more money on them than he did on Standard oil, and the money that he gave away to schools and churches was from his rake-off on his slot machines. Pa said it would be a good thing if someone could break up the reprehensible practice by beating the blasted machines to a finish.

So Pa he got a bag to bring back the nickels in, and a bunch of us went to a store where one whole side of the place was filled with slot machines, and the way the people were playing the game was scandalous. Pa watched a machine until the players had fed it so it seemed as though it would die unless it got air, and he stepped up and put in a lozenge and turned the wheel, and held the bag under the spout for the coin, but it didn't come. Some more fellows put in nickels, and the machine gave little aacking coughs and coughed up three or four nickels, but nothing that seemed at all in the nature of a financial hemorrhage, when Pa took another lozenge and put it in, and by ginger the machine began to heave up nickels like it was in the trough of the sea.

Pa was so excited he forgot to hold the bag, and nickels went all over the floor, and everybody made a grab for them, and Pa was shoved aside, and he swore he would have the place pulled, and just then a law officer took Pa in charge because he had put a cough lozenge in the slot machine, and he searched Pa and found a lot more bronchial trochees, and Pa was in for it on a charge of malpractice, for giving cough medicine for the stomach trouble of the slot machine, instead of pepsin tablets.

They took Pa in a back room, and searched him some more, and found his roll, and then a man who said he was a lawyer offered to help Pa, and keep him out of the penitentiary. He told Pa the law of Kentucky made the crime of trifling with a slot machine the same as breach of promise, or arson, and that he would be lucky if he got off with ten years in the pen, with 30 days' solitary confinement in a Turkish bath cell, with niggers for companions.

Pa turned blue and asked the lawyer if there was no way out of it, and the lawyer told him that for \$120 in spot cash he would let him go, and fight the case after the show had got out of the state. A hundred and twenty-five dollars was the amount they found on Pa, and he told them that inasmuch as they already had it, they better keep the money and let him go, and he would be always a living example of the terrors of gambling.

So they let Pa go, and all the way to the train he told us he hoped this experience would be a lesson to us not to covet the money of the rich, and as far as he was concerned, John D. Rockefeller could go plumb to thunder with his money after this.

When we got to the car, and found about a dozen of the circus men who had been out to beat the slot machines, broke flat, and I had to divide my shot bag of nickels with them, that I had won before I let them into the game, before they would let me go to bed.

Dad says this circus life is making me pretty tough.

BEGINNING TO DOUBT.

The Best Success Is Dependent on Planning the Work Far Ahead.

The farmer that can properly plan in his farm work has the best chance of success. He can then husband not only the time of his men, but his materials. Lack of foresight is responsible for a very considerable waste of time on farms. The winter time is a good season in which to carefully go over the work of the coming seasons, says the Farmers' Review. Why not? In every other business much thinking and planning before hand has to be done. The men that carry commercial enterprises to successful terminations have always spent weary days and weeks in doing nothing but planning—building thought upon thought. Such plans do not often come as inspirations; they come as the results of hard work of the brain. The farmer must succeed along the same road as do other men. The learning to plan is one of the best things that our young men get at the agricultural colleges. They are given hard problems to solve and have to sit down and think about them; sometimes they have to think hard for days before arriving at a solution. This gives them the initial ability to plan, and planning is foresight.

GRASS AND CLOVER. The Most Desirable Qualities to Be Sought Outlined by Michigan College.

The Michigan agricultural college outlines some of the most desirable qualities to be sought in a grass or clover as follows:

1. It must seed well, making the seeding of a field easy and little.
2. It must not crowd unduly other forage plants with which it is mixed.
3. It must start quickly from seed making a vigorous plant.
4. It should be a hardy perennial able to endure for ten years or more in a rotation of crops.
5. It must not be difficult to eradicate in a rotation of crops.
6. For meadow it should blossom near the time when others in the field are in blossom.
7. For pasture, it should grow well from early spring to late fall.
8. It must be nutritious.
9. It must be palatable to cattle.

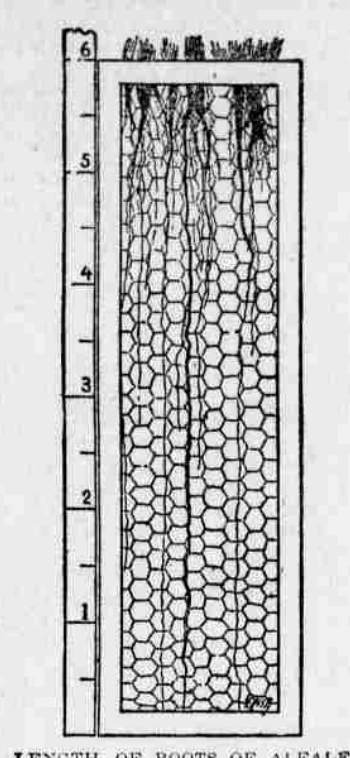
Forest Reserves. More and more the national government is taking an interest in the matter of reserving tracts of land for forest growths. In most cases the tracts reserved are not valuable for agricultural use of any kind. It is not perhaps known to most Americans that the United States has a forest reserve in Porto Rico. It is in the eastern part of the island and embraces about 65,000 acres, or about 100 square miles. The region is very mountainous and at the present time is unsurveyed. A great variety of woods are, however, found on the reserve.

AGRICULTURAL HINTS

ALFALFA ROOTS GROW DEEP.

Investigations at Kansas Experiment Station That They Go Far for Water.

Many are anxious to know something of the depth to which alfalfa roots penetrate into the soil, together with the connection, if any, between the deep growing root and the capacity to resist drought. Some information in regard to this matter will be found in the illustration, which shows the results that have been obtained at the



LENGTH OF ROOTS OF ALFALFA PLANTS.

Kansas experiment station, where an effort has been made to trace the depth of roots. Here are at least three plants out of some six or seven studied where the root has penetrated to a depth greater than six feet.

It is a general opinion among those who have studied the subject that the deep growing root has a great deal to do with the capacity of alfalfa to resist drought on account of the distance that alfalfa roots are enabled to penetrate into the ground. This characteristic of the alfalfa plant is one reason, doubtless, why it is advisable if not necessary for the soil to have considerable depth and not have a hard pan a short distance below the surface.

In addition to the depth to which alfalfa roots may enter the soil, the illustration is interesting for the fact that it shows the growth of fibrous roots at the surface. While these are less than what one naturally expects with clover, they are characteristic with alfalfa.

FORESIGHT IN FARM WORK.

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EMBARRASSED BRIDEGROOM

John Was Nervous, and the Mistakes He Made Were More Than Enough.

He was embarrassed, ill at ease; she was calm, self-possessed, relates the Baltimore Sun.

"If it were only over," he whispered, excitedly, "I know I'd do it wrong."

"It won't take long, John," she answered, consolingly. "You haven't much to say."

The minister was speaking. "Kindly change places with the bride," John attempted to do so, stepped on the toe of her shoe, and raising his arm caught his cuffbutton in her veil.

"Be he careful," she implored. "Oh," he groaned, "before all these staring people, too."

"Sh-h-h—"

The minister began the ceremony. John grew more embarrassed, and fumbled the tails of the bride's train. Then he put his hand in his pocket and pulled out his handkerchief and excitedly mopped his brow.

The church was quiet save for the voice of the minister.

"If any person knows any just reason," he was saying, "why these two should not be joined together, let him now speak, or forever—"

"I will," shouted John.

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"We finally thought nothing could help and I had made up my mind to send my wife with the child to Europe, hoping that the sea air might cure him, otherwise he was to be put under good medical care there. But, Lord, be blessed, matters came differently, and we soon saw a miracle. A friend of ours spoke about Cuticura. We made a trial with Cuticura Soap, Ointment, and Resolvent, and within ten days or two weeks we noticed a decided improvement. Just as quickly as the sickness had appeared it also began to disappear, and within ten weeks the child was absolutely well, and his skin was smooth and white as never before. F. Hohrath, President of the C. L. Hohrath Company, Manufacturers of Silk Ribbons, 4 to 29 Rink Alley, South Bethlehem, Pa. June 5, 1905."

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